

Valley Falls man convicted in elder abuse case

(KNZA)--A Valley Falls man has been convicted of the mistreatment of an elderly person.

According to a news release from the office of Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt, 42-year-old Benjamin Thompson pleaded no contest last week in Jefferson County District Court to one felony count of mistreatment of an elder person.

The case stemmed from an investigation by the Department for Children and Families and the Valley Falls Police Department.

The release said the investigation revealed Thompson, through a power of attorney agreement, gained access to the financial resources of elderly person and used those resources for himself.

Thompson agreed to pay nearly \$100,000 in restitution to the victim as well as a \$2,500 fine as part of his sentencing.

Sentencing is scheduled for September 5.

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